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1. ON JULY 21 COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF US EXHIBITORS AT BRAZILIAN TRADE FAIRS WITH MINISTER PAULO TARSO FLIXHA LIMA, HEAD OF FONOFF COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION. TARSO RECOMMENDED MORE INFORMAL VEHICLE OF AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING PROBLEMS RATHER THAN DIPLOMATIC NOTE.
2. ACTING ON TARSO'S RECOMMENDATION, COUNSELOR PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE ON AUGUST 8. NOTE COVERED THREE BASIC POINTS: A) REFUSAL OF DNPVN TO GRANT TAX WAIVERS; B) PROBLEMS WITH DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION OF EXHIBITON PERIPHERALS; C) DELAYS IN REMITTANCES OF PAYMENTS FOR GOODS SOLD. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE.
3. TARSO SAID THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL GROUP ON TRADE FAIRS HAD MET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON AUGUST 4, AND WAS SCHEDULED TO HAVE ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION ON AUGUST 18.
4. HE ASSURED COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THAT COPIES OF

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AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE

GROUP IN TIME FOR THEM TO DISCUSS THE POINTS AT THE NEXT
MEETING. HE PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY
DEVELOPMENTS.
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